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<b>Naoto SANO et al.</b>	)	
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<b>For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND</b>	)	
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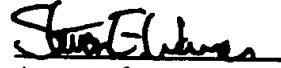
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please ADD claims 56-59 as follows. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience. Also, claims 21-46 added in the Preliminary Amendment on October 3, 2001, have been properly renumbered as claims 30-55, respectively.

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